

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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Olivia Ann Williams,

Plaintiff,

v.

Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:22-cv-00310-BNW

ORDER

This case involves judicial review of administrative action by the Commissioner of Social Security, denying Plaintiff's claim for Social Security benefits. The Court recognizes that many of these cases have many factors in common:

1. Such cases rarely, if ever, require proceedings or trial. Instead, these cases are usually resolved by cross-motions to reverse or remand and to affirm the Commissioner's decision.

2. The transcript of the evidence adduced at the administrative hearing frequently contains the words, "inaudible" or "illegible" in some places, and the administrative record sometimes contains documents which are illegible. These parts of the administrative record may or may not relate to the question of whether the Commissioner's decision is supported by substantial evidence.

3. These cases are assigned to a United States District Judge and/or United States Magistrate Judge in accordance with General Order 2019-08. In light of these factors, IT IS **HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. If Defendant has not already done so, Defendant must file the administrative record, under seal, in CM/ECF within seven days of the filing of this Order.

2. If Plaintiff requests a remand of this case on the basis of new evidence, then Plaintiff must, within 30 days of the filing of this Order, file a motion to remand based on new

1 evidence. The new evidence must be attached to the motion. A copy of the motion and evidence
2 must be served on:

3 United States Attorney
4 501 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Suite 1100
5 Las Vegas, NV 89101

6 3. If Plaintiff files a motion for remand on the basis of new evidence, then Defendant
7 may file either (i) a notice of voluntary remand of the case, or (ii) points and authorities in
8 opposition to Plaintiff's motion. Defendant's notice of voluntary remand or opposition must be
9 filed within 30 days of service of the motion. If Defendant files points and authorities in
10 opposition, Plaintiff has 20 days from the date of service of such points and authorities to file a
11 reply.

12 4. Under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), remand for reconsideration of new evidence will not be
13 granted unless the evidence is new and material and there is a showing of good cause for failure
14 to incorporate the evidence into the record at an earlier stage. Therefore, if Plaintiff seeks remand
15 for consideration of new evidence, the motion must include a statement of reasons why the new
16 evidence was not incorporated into the record at an earlier stage.

17 5. If Plaintiff does not file a motion for remand on the basis of new medical evidence,
18 the Plaintiff must, within 30 days of the filing of this Order, file a motion for reversal and/or
19 remand.

20 6. If Plaintiff files a motion for reversal and/or remand, Plaintiff's motion must
21 include:

22 a. A specification of each and every condition or ailment, or combination of
23 the two, that allegedly renders Plaintiff disabled and is supported by evidence contained in the
24 administrative record.

25 b. A complete summary of all medical evidence in the record that supports
26 Plaintiff's claim of disability due to each condition or ailment with precise references to the
27 applicable portions of the record. The summary must not include medical evidence unrelated to
28 the conditions or ailments on which Plaintiff's claim or claims of disability are based.

1 c. A complete summary of all other evidence adduced at the administrative
2 hearing that supports Plaintiff's claim with precise references to the applicable portions of the
3 record.

4 d. A complete but concise statement as to why the record does not contain
5 substantial evidence to support the Administrative Law Judge's decision.

6 7. If Defendant has not filed a notice of voluntary remand, within 30 days after being
7 served with Plaintiff's motion for reversal and/or remand, Defendant must file a cross-motion to
8 affirm, which will be considered an opposition to Plaintiff's motion. This motion must include:

9 a. A complete summary of all evidence in the record that Defendant contends
10 constitutes substantial evidence to support the administrative determination that Plaintiff is not
11 entitled to the benefits in question.

12 b. A complete summary of all testimony adduced at the administrative
13 hearing, including the Administrative Law Judge's findings, if any, concerning the credibility of
14 witnesses, which Defendant contends constitutes substantial evidence to support the
15 administrative determination that Plaintiff is not entitled to the benefits in question.

16 c. A statement as to whether there are any inaccuracies in Plaintiff's
17 summaries. If Defendant believes Plaintiff's summaries are inaccurate, Defendant must set forth
18 what additions or corrections are required (with appropriate references to the record) to make the
19 summaries accurate.

20 8. The motions filed by Plaintiff and Defendant under paragraphs 6 and 7 of this
21 Order, respectively, must also contain points and authorities dealing with the specific legal issues
22 involved in this case, rather than principles of law applicable to Social Security cases in general.

23 9. Plaintiff will be deemed to have acceded to the accuracy of the summaries
24 supplied by Defendant under subparagraphs 7(a) and 7(b) of this Order unless within twenty days
25 after being served with Defendant's cross-motion to affirm Plaintiff files and serves a response
26 brief setting forth:

27 a. In what manner the summaries are inaccurate;

10. The motions filed by both Plaintiff and Defendant must also contain the following:

b. A specification of each page in the administrative record that is partially or illegible, and a statement whether each such illegible page contains information relevant to the resolution of any issue presented in this case.

11. Oral argument will be deemed waived and the case will stand submitted unless the court orders otherwise. A party who requests oral argument must file a request under Local Rule 16.1 within ten days following the filing of the last document required by this Order. It is within the court's discretion whether to permit oral argument.

DATED: June 30, 2022.

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